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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7 and 24; amend claims 1-4, 6, 8, 11, 14-16, 19, and 22; and add claims 24 and 25 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A digital camera comprising:
camera apparatus for capturing still images;
sound recording apparatus for capturing sound passages;
a memory for retaining still images as still image files and sound passages as sound passage files; and
a user interface adapted for selectively linking one or more still image files with one or more sound passage files to form a linked group, and for selectively unlinking one or more files from a linked group, the digital camera being adapted such that a still image file can be associated with a particular point of time or period of time in the sound passage of a sound passage file.
2. (Currently amended) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein a linked group ~~may consist of~~ includes one still image file with one or more sound passage files.
3. (Currently amended) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein a linked group ~~may consist of~~ includes one sound passage file with one or more still image files.

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4. (Currently amended) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user interface is adapted such that a user can select a first and second view of the image files, wherein in the first view a plurality of sound passage files, still image files or linked groups are displayed in an index format for review, and wherein in the second view an individual sound passage file, still image file or linked group is adapted to be displayed for editing.

5. (Original) A digital camera as claimed in claim 4, wherein in the second view an additional sound passage file, still image file or linked group is also displayable, wherein the user interface is adapted to allow linkage between the displayed files to form a new linked group.

6. (Currently amended) A digital camera as claimed in claim 4, wherein in the second view a further sound passage or still image [[may]] is adapted to be captured and linked automatically to the individual sound passage file, still image file, or linked group displayed.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the digital camera is adapted such that the camera apparatus

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[[may]] is adapted to capture one or more still images at the same time that the sound recording apparatus is capturing a sound passage.

9. (Original) A digital camera as claimed in claim 8, wherein any still images captured at the same time as a sound passage are provided initially as part of a linked group with the sound passage.

10. (Previously presented) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a time recording means to mark a captured still image or a captured sound passage with the time of recording.

11. (Currently amended) A digital camera as claimed in claim 10, wherein the digital camera is adapted such that the camera apparatus [[may]] is adapted to capture one or more still images at the same time that the sound recording apparatus is capturing a sound passage, and the time recording means is adapted to mark the time of capture of a captured still image relative to a contemporaneously recorded sound passage.

12. (Previously presented) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user interface is adapted for selective deletion by a user of a still image file, a sound passage file or part of a sound passage file, or a linked group.

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13. (Previously presented) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user interface is adapted such that sound passage files and still image files of a linked group are viewable, selectively, either as part of the linked group or independently of the linked group.

14. (Currently amended) A digital camera as claimed in claim 13, wherein the user interface is adapted so that the sound passage files, the still image files, and the linked objects are all presentable to the user as a separate sequence, and that the user ~~[[may]]~~ can select between these separate sequences for browsing.

15. (Currently amended) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the memory ~~retains~~ is arranged to retain linked groups as separate sound passage files, still image files, and one or more index files ~~containing~~ including linking information.

16. (Currently amended) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the memory ~~retains~~ is arranged to retain linked groups as multimedia files, ~~containing~~ including sound passage information, still image information, and linking information.

17. (Original) A digital camera as claimed in claim 16, wherein the sound passage files and the still image files are both multimedia files.

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18. (Previously presented) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a further data recording device for recording of another data type, and wherein the memory device is adapted to record the other data type as a further data type file, and wherein the user interface is adapted for selectively linking one or more further data type files into a linked group, and for selectively unlinking one or more further data type files from a linked group.

19. (Currently amended) A digital camera as claimed in claim 18, wherein the further data type is ~~handwriting~~ handwritten data, and the further data recording device is a device for recording handwriting in a digital representation.

20. (Original) A digital camera as claimed in claim 18, wherein the further data type is a video clip, and the further data recording device is a device for recording video clips.

21. (Previously presented) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sound recording apparatus and the camera apparatus are arranged for data capture in a substantially common direction.

22. (Currently amended) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the memory ~~[[is]]~~ includes a flash memory device.

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23. (Previously presented) A digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the digital camera is adapted to be handheld by a user for still image and sound passage capture.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) A memory for a digital camera having a still image capture structure for capturing still images, sound recording apparatus for capturing sound passages, a user interface, and the memory, the memory including a still image file and a set of instructions for (a) linking one or more of the captured still images with one or more of the captured sound passages to form a linked group, (b) unlinking one or more elements from a linked group, and (c) associating a still image file with a particular point of time or period of time in the sound passage of a sound passage file.

26. (New) A method of operating a digital image capture apparatus, comprising:

capturing still images;

capturing sound passages;

retaining still images as still image files and sound passages as sound passage files;

selectively linking one or more still image files with one or more sound passage files to form a linked group;

selectively unlinking one or more files from a linked group; and

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associating a still image file with a particular point of time or
period of time in the sound passage of a sound passage file.